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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY J. JENKINS
ANNOUNCES THE INDICTMENT OF
COPLEY TIMOTHY EVANS ON DRUG POSSESSION CHARGES**

Anthony J. Jenkins, U.S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, today announced that a Grand Jury returned a two-count indictment on Thursday, December 1, 2005, charging Copley Timothy Evans with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute and Importation of a Controlled Substance into the United States.

On November 16, 2005, Copley Evans, a 36-year-old native of St. Croix, was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and HIDTA Agents on the island of St. John after attempting to smuggle more than five (5) kilograms of cocaine into the Territory. Evans arrived at the Cruz Bay Customs and Border Patrol station after departing from Tortola, British Virgin Islands aboard the M/V Oriele. Customs and

Border Patrol officers were conducting a routine inspection of passengers returning from Tortola when they discovered 10 brick-like packages in Evan's luggage. After conducting further inspection on the brick-shaped packages, Customs and Border Patrol officers discovered a white powdery substance which tested positive for cocaine.

Evans was later taken into custody by Customs and Border Patrol and HIDTA agents and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute and Importation of a Controlled Substance into the United States. Evans appeared in the District Court of the Virgin Islands and was subsequently released on a \$100,000.00 unsecured bond pending trial.

U.S. Attorney Jenkins commended the performance of the Customs and Border Patrol and the agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the High Incident Drug Trafficking Area ("the HIDTA"). U.S. Attorney Jenkins reminds the public that an arrest is not evidence of guilt, and that, as in all criminal cases, the indictment in this case is merely a charging document, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.